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SUBJ: STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT AHMED SEKOU TOURE OF GUINEA  
TO THE GAMBIA

1. AHMED SEKOU TOURE, PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY STATE OF GUINEA,  
PAID A STATE VISIT TO THE GAMBIA FROM JULY 28 TO 31. AT THE  
CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, THE TWO PRESIDENTS OF THE GAMBIA AND  
GUINEA ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

2. THE TWO PRESIDENTS " REVIEWED BILATERAL RELATIONS AND  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND AFTER EXPRESSING  
SATISFACTION AT THE STATE OF RELATIONS, TOOK FIRM DECISIONS TO  
FURTHER DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN TIES." THE TWO HEADS OF STATE GAVE  
PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO MATTERS EFFECTING THEIR SUB-REGION OF WEST  
AFRICA WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAMBIA RIVER BASIN (OMVG). IN RESPONSE TO  
INVITATION BY GAMBIAN PRESIDENT JAWARA FOR PARTICIPATION BY GUINEA  
IN THE OMVG, THE LATTER CHIEF OF STATE AGREED TO A CONVENING OF  
A MEETING OF EXPERTS "WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT JOINTLY THE  
MODALITIES OF COOPERATION."

3. ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THEY "RENEWED THEIR  
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COMMITMENT TO THE ATTAINMENT OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS  
OF ONE MAN ONE VOTE IN ZIMBABWE...AND REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION  
THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT MUST BE A PARTY TO ANY SETTLEMENT." ALSO  
ON THE SUBJECT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, THEY "REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT  
FOR THE IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA INCLUDING WALVIS BAY  
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SWAPO." THEY ALSO REITERATED THEIR  
STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE VORSTER REGIME AND CALLED UPON THE

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO "ADHERE TO, AND RESPECT ALL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS WITH A VIEW TO DISMANTLING THE APARTHEID SYSTEM, AND REPLACE IT BY A FREE, JUST AND EQUITABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SETUP."

4. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE ALSO "EXPRESSED CONCERN" OVER THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN SAHARA WHICH "INVOLVES NEIGHBORING AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE OAU." THEY DEPLORED ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND URGED THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE OF FIVE INSTITUTED BY THE 15TH SUMMIT OF THE OAU IN KHARTOUM.

5. THEY FURTHER EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE "CONTINUING DETERIORATION OF THE TERMS OF TRADE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" AND THE "WIDENING (OF) THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR NATIONS OF THE WORLD." THEY ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE DEADLOCK REACHED IN NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT NARROWING THIS GAP "NOTABLY AT THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN PARIS," AND EXPRESSED A HOPE THAT CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE COMMON FUND WILL NOT "SUFFER A SIMILAR FATE."

6. RECOGNIZING THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST ULTIMATELY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ADVANCEMENT, THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION "AT THE INCREASED TENDENCY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH SUB-REGIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THEIR

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COLLECTIVE INTERESTS IN THE FACE OF GROWING COMPETITION FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES." IN THIS REGARD, PRESIDENT JAWARA CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT TOURE FOR HIS "OUTSTANDING STATESMANSHIP" AT THE MONROVIA SUMMIT IN MARCH 1978 WHICH CONTRIBUTED POSITIVELY TO "THE SUCCESSFUL RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE SISTER REPUBLICS OF GUINEA, SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST." IN RETURN, PRESIDENT TOURE THANKED PRESIDENT JAWARA FOR HIS "UNTIRING EFFORTS" IN BRINGING ABOUT THIS RECONCILIATION.

7. IN ANOTHER AREA, THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED ON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATELY AIR SERVICE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, PRESIDENT JAWARA WAS INVITED TO PAY A "STATE VISIT OF FRIENDSHIP" TO GUINEA. THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED AND DATES WILL BE FIXED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. NESBERG

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